

## **NATIONAL GMDSS IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE**

### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

DATE/TIME: Friday, 20 October 2006 at 8:30 am **(See Note at End)**  
LOCATION: Grande Resort & Club; Naples, Florida during NMEA Meeting  
CHAIRMAN: Capt. Jack Fuechsel, USCG (Ret)  
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### **DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Distribute documents:
  - Summary record of Task Force meeting of 2 August 2006
  - Coast Guard Press Release on Rescue 21 in Eastern Gulf of Mexico
2. Review Summary Record of 2 August 2006 Task Force meeting
3. Coast Guard Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - Status of MF-DSC coastal network and MF/HF Use Study– Russ Levin
  - Status of Rescue 21 coastal VHF-DSC Program – Capt Dan Abel
  - Introduction of new Chief of Search & Rescue – Capt Scott LaRochelle
  - Review of Coast Guard AIS Regulations and modifications – Jorge Arroyo
  - Long Range Tracking Initiative in IMO – Bob Markle
4. FCC Report on pending GMDSS issues
  - Pending Rulemaking changes to Part 80 - Ghassan Khalek
  - Recognition of BOATUS/Sea Tow MMSIs in FCC Data Base
  - FCC Overhaul of MMSI Policy and Procedures
5. GMDSS Modernization Issues – RADM Ed Gilbert
6. RTCM Report – Bob Markle
7. Reports and Issues: Recreational Vessel Task Group – Chuck Husick
  - VHF-DSC Tutorial by BOATUS Foundation
8. Reports and Issues: Service Agents & Mfgs Task Group - Ralph Sponar
  - Simplified Voyage Data Recorders
9. Reports and Issues: Commercial Vessel Task Group - Nino Martini
  - New initiatives for protection of the Right Whale
10. Reports and Issues: Training Task Group – Owen Anderson
11. Other Business, Confirm next meeting date in Washington; 11 Jan proposed

## GMDSS TASK FORCE CONTINUING WORK LIST

2 August 2006

1. Monitor FCC continuing action to update GMDSS Rules (TF)
2. Recommend actions to reduce false alerts in GMDSS systems (TF)
3. Monitor Coast Guard Port State GMDSS inspection program (TF)
4. Monitor MSI broadcasting programs for compliance with GMDSS Standards (TF)
5. Review GMDSS Internet Web Sites and update Task Force portion of USCG site (TF)
6. Support SOLAS Working Group planning for IMO COMSAR meetings (TF)
7. Advocate Canadian coordination to extend GMDSS services to the Great Lakes (TF)
8. Review GMDSS concepts and make modernization recommendations (TF)
9. Advocate regulatory action to require VHF or EPIRBs for all vessels offshore (TF)
10. Advocate overhaul of FCC policy and practice on MMSI assignments (TF)
11. Monitor non-GMDSS systems such as AIS, SSAS, VDR, LRIT, & E-Navigation (TF)
12. Advocate intership calling on HF GMDSS channels (CV)
13. Recommend training programs for non-mandatory users of GMDSS systems (RV)
14. Encourage GMDSS handbooks and Internet and video training aids (RV)
15. Recommend Class 'D' VHF-DSC as superior to RTCM SC-101 format (RV)
16. Advocate FCC enable R/Vs keep existing MMSI when applying for Station Lic. (RV)
17. Encourage Mfrs. to upgrade GMDSS explanations in equipment manuals (SA)
18. Recommend to FCC clarifications to their List of Approved GMDSS Equipment (SA)
19. Monitor guidelines for GMDSS equipment maintenance & maintainer standards (SA)
20. Recommend proper interconnection of GPS receivers with DSC Radios (SA)
21. Maintain GMDSS Question Pools for FCC and Coast Guard Examinations (TR)

Key to cognizant group:

- (TF) Task Force
- (CV) Commercial Vessel Task Group
- (RV) Recreational Vessel Task Group
- (SA) Service Agents and Manufacturers Task Group
- (TR) Training Task Group

- **NOTE: The meeting will be held in Naples, Florida at the Naples Grande Resort & Club (formerly the Registry) during the Annual meeting of the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA). Registration for the NMEA meeting is not required if attending only the GMDSS Task Force meeting. The NMEA meeting extends from 18-21 October 2006 and includes exhibits, a golf tournament and several social functions. To register for the NMEA meeting call them at 1-800-808-6632 or send an email to [info@nmea.org](mailto:info@nmea.org). The NMEA registration fee is \$ 275 for members and \$375 for non-members. The Grande Resort & Spa is holding a room block for the NMEA meeting until September 18<sup>th</sup> at \$ 185.00 per night. The hotel reservation number is 1-800-247-9810 and their local number is 239-597-3232. (Note early 8:30 am Task Force meeting time!)**

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